

# NO SIGN OF POMP AT THE FUNERAL OF MRS. WILSON

Services at the White House  
Most Simple and in Keep-  
ing With Plans Made.

200 MOURNERS PRESENT.

President and Daughters at  
Side of Body, Which Rested  
Amid Flowers in East Room.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Funeral services for Mrs. Woodrow Wilson were held in the East Room of the White House at 2 o'clock this afternoon, after which her body was taken to a special train for Rome, Ga., for burial beside those of her father and mother.

Prayers were said and a simple brief funeral service was conducted in the presence of a comparatively small company in which the committees of Congress and members of the Cabinet were the only ones included beside the family relatives and close friends. There were less than two hundred persons in all present.

Mrs. Wilson's body, inclosed in a mahogany casket covered with gray broadcloth, lay in the room in which she died on the second floor of the Executive Mansion until an hour before the services when it was taken down to the East Room, where flowers from many persons in all walks of life were banded almost to the ceiling. A quiet crowd gathered outside the White House to-day.

Rev. J. H. Taylor, at whose church the President has attended, opened the services with Scriptural reading and then Rev. Sylvester Beach of Princeton, N. J., followed with prayers. There was no music. Dr. Beach said the following prayer:

"This day, O Lord, we bless Thee for all those who have died in the Lord and who now rest from their labor, had received the end of their faith, even the salvation of their souls.

"Especially we call to remembrance Thy loving kindness and tender mercies to this Thy servant. For all Thy goodness, which withheld not her portion in the joys of this earthly life and for Thy guiding hand along the way of her helpfulness, we give Thee thanks and praise. Especially

we bless Thee for Thy grace that kindled in her heart the love of Thy dear name, that enabled her to fight the good fight, and to obtain the victory. We magnify Thy name for this gift of this precious life, for Thy image graciously reflected in her spirit and character, for her love so tender, her loyalty so unflinching, her devotion to duty, her Christian unselfishness, service for others, her charity, and we bless Thee that her going from us is but transition to higher and holier ministries."

Several verses from the fifteenth chapter of the First Corinthians, and the fourteenth chapter of St. John were read, and the prayers and a benediction completed the services.

"Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me," was the opening verse from the Scriptures. "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you."

Chairs were placed before the casket for the President and the family.

behind him sat the Senators, the third row the Representatives and behind them the White House employees. When the benediction was said all the company arose, while the President and the other mourners withdrew from the East Room. The services had taken about half an hour.

The members of the Cabinet, all of whom were accompanied by their wives, with the exception of Secretary Houston, left first. Mrs. Houston was ill and unable to attend. The Cabinet officers did not go to the railway station and neither did the committees of Congress, who filed out in twos and disbanded outside the White House grounds.

The casket was placed in the hearse by the veteran White House policemen, the President and his daughters entered closed carriages and the procession to the railway station began. All along the route silent crowds lined the streets, many uncovering their heads, many women wiping away tears as the cortege passed on.

All the Government offices were closed, although shopkeepers did not suspend business.

The body was placed aboard the funeral car and the President and his daughters returned to the White House, to return to the station just before the departure of the train, a little more than an hour later. The floral tributes filled one car entirely.

The President took personal charge of the final arrangements for the funeral and attended himself against his grief.

Six police officers who have been on duty at the White House for many years, were selected to bear the casket to the hearse. They were: Forrest H. Purks, John F. Jamieson, H. F. Hutton, John Bramlett, Eugene X. Davis and Henry Gilbert.

Both Houses of Congress were in recess until to-morrow, and orders had been issued that all Government departments be closed at 1 o'clock to-day and to-morrow afternoon. All flags in the city on public buildings and private homes and stores were at half mast.

The trip to Rome, Ga., where Mrs. Wilson will be buried late Tuesday afternoon beside her mother and father in Myrtle Hill Cemetery, is being made on a special train. Those in the party include the President, Miss Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Sayre, Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo, Prof. Axson, J. R. Wilson, George Howe, Dr. Cary T. Grayson and Secretary Tumulty. James Woodrow, a cousin of the President, will join the train at Spartanburg, S. C., and Miss Alethea S. Axson and Miss Carrie Belle Axson at Atlanta, Ga.

The South has planned to pay tribute to Mrs. Wilson's life as the special train passes toward Rome. In Alexandria, Va., and many other cities and towns the church bells will be tolled.

## LEUTENANT IS EXONERATED.

Grand Jury Refuses to Indict Ashley for Shooting.

Police Lieutenant Benjamin F. Ashley was exonerated to-day of blame for killing William J. Nash of No. 48 West One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, whom he shot July 5 in a fight at an entertainment of the North End Social Club, No. 102 West One Hundred and Forty-fourth street. The Grand Jury filed with Judge Nott in General Sessions a refusal to indict Ashley.

The lieutenant was exonerated by a Coroner's Jury, but Coroner Riordan had held him in \$5,000 bail for the Grand Jury. Policeman Thompson had got into a fight while trying to arrest two men and when Ashley came to his assistance he was attacked also. Finally he shot.

HIS ADDRESS ANTICIPATED.

(From the Boston Transcript.) "The care and preservation of audiences" was the chief topic for discussion at the annual dinner of the Institute of Lecturers in the Hotel Cecil the other evening. "You have all met the chairman, who anticipates everything you intend to say," Sir Arthur Conan Doyle remarked to his fellow-speakers. "I am reminded of Dean Hole, at one of whose lectures the

chairman spoke for half an hour, and then said, 'Now the dean will give us his address.' 'My address,' said the dean, 'is the deanery, Canterbury, and I am going there at once.'"

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